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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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| Application Number | 09/242,191 |
| Filing Date | May 17, 1999 |
| First Named Inventor | Michel Riera |
| Art Unit | 1711 |
| Examiner Name | Thao T. Tran |
| Attorney Docket Number | 144-198 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0573
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 06/20/2003 CNGUYEN 00000017 09242191
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 375.00 DP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 840.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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| Name (Print/Type) | Daniel A. Monaco | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 30,480 |
| Signature | <i>[Signature]</i> | Date | June 17, 2003 |

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 840.00

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number: 50-0573
Deposit Account Name: Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 101 750 | 201 375 | Utility filing fee | |
| 106 330 | 206 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 520 | 207 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 750 | 208 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 160 | 214 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims: -20** = X =
Independent Claims: -3** = X =
Multiple Dependent: =

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 103 18 | 203 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 84 | 202 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 280 | 204 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 84 | 209 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 18 | 210 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------|
| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 410 | 216 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 930 | 217 465 | Extension for reply within third month | 465.00 |
| 118 1,450 | 218 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,970 | 228 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 320 | 219 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 320 | 220 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 280 | 221 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,300 | 241 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,300 | 242 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 470 | 243 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 630 | 244 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 180 | 126 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 750 | 246 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 750 | 249 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 750 | 279 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 375.00 |
| 169 900 | 169 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 840.00

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| Signature | | Date | June 17, 2003 | | |

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